

Among other monuments in memory of the loved and lost in the city of Wilmington is one erected to the Honorable George Davis, a senator from the State of North Carolina in the Congress of the Confederate States, and later Attorney-General in the Cabinet of President Jefferson Davis, until the fall of Richmond. To James

statesman, Henry Clay, then but recently deceased.

Upon the completion of his education, Mr. Davis took up the practice of law. Soon afterward he entered public life, and few statesmen of North Carolina have been held in higher esteem. Descended from the founders of the Cape Fear Settlement, he always had an intense love for his native commonwealth, and remained to his death a close student of Colonial history, and especially of the scattered remnants of record and traditions relating to his state. It has often been regretted that he did not live to compile a history of eastern North Carolina.

In February, 1861, Mr. Davis visited Washington as a member of the Peace Congress over which Ex-President Tyler presided and made his most famous speech. The North Carolina delegates at this Congress were strongly opposed to a severance of their State from the Union before actually compelled to do so, or until "all peaceful means had been exhausted."

Mr. Davis' address at this Peace Congress and his later correspondence gained the confidence and support of his people, and as member in the Cabinet of Jefferson Davis, he won both the faith and affection of his chief. The citizens of Wilmington are and may well be justly proud of the beautiful statue they have had erected in his memory, and in honor of the memorable life and service of this most tal-



STATUE TO THE HON. GEORGE DAVIS, WILMINGTON

Sprunt, William Calder and William R. Kenan, was given the honor of preparing a "suitable memorial and record" of his life, tracing the career of the gifted young orator who more than half a century ago won the admiration of the citizens of Wilmington by delivering an address full of tender love and admiration, Christian hope and faith, in honor of the illustrious Kentucky

son of that queen of the southern commonwealths—the state of North Carolina.

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Reluctantly we said "good-bye" to our cordial friends at Wilmington, and our train was duly dispatched by the colored train announcer pulling the dangling bell-rope over the station platform. It is a